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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Boron Fibers

[redacted]  
[redacted] After getting a briefing on the [redacted] work, [redacted] suggested that this technology might have application in structures and primarily mirrors in camera systems restricted by weights. Further, as a first possible application for boron fiber, mirrors in camera systems would appear to be a logical candidate. For this reason, we made arrangements to have [redacted] brief [redacted] of Perkin-Elmer on the boron fiber work. It is our understanding that [redacted] will advise us after reflection and make recommendations to Headquarters appropriately. My impression is that [redacted] is quite enthusiastic by the boron fiber potential.

2. I want to caution readers of this memorandum that "boron fibers" seem to be a "swear word" in the Community inasmuch as this is a "way out" effort sponsored by General Schriever's direction. It is my further understanding that there is a tendency to depreciate the value of boron fibers in some areas and the ability of industry to eventually make a useful fabrication of boron fiber. It is my feeling that OSA can usefully pursue areas of interest that have immediate camera and structural applications on new program ventures. We will schedule within the next two weeks a meeting with [redacted] at Headquarters to discuss the Perkin-Elmer reaction to our discussions on practical applications of boron fiber research.

3. In conclusion, it is pointed out [redacted] has done considerable work in this area. [redacted] has been informed of our interest in this area and is pulling

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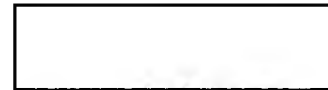
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together as much information as possible about [redacted] 25X1  
work in this field for our examination. I expect to have  
information available in the near future from [redacted] 25X1  
Accordingly, reports will be disseminated as new information  
is available.



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